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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 4, 2003, Applicants respond as follows:

Examiner has deemed the originally claimed invention to be separable into six inventions grouped by claims as indicated:

| Group | Claims |
|-------|--------------------------|
| 1 | 1-20, 23, 24, 27, and 54 |
| II | 21 and 22 |
| 111 | 25 and 26 |
| IV | 28-53 |
| V | 55-67 |
| VI | 68-72 |

Examiner has required restriction.

Applicants respectfully traverse Examiner's grouping of claims 1-20, 23, 24, 27, and 54 as drawn to a method of printing manufacturing information onto an ingestible sheet. The claims, of Group I, are written to a method of manufacturing a bioactive fluid dose on an ingestible sheet. Applicants believe Examiner is incorrectly asserting that all dosage forms contain manufacturing information; by the very fact that the bioactive substance dispersed in, on, or within the dosage form conveys information. Applicants do not believe that this is a correct assertion. For this reason applicants

believe Examiner has incorrectly read the limitation of dependent claim 2 into independent claim 1.

Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-20, 23, 24, 27, and 54 for further prosecution. In view of the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully request that the requirement for restriction be withdrawn upon reconsideration

Respectfully Submitted, Brian Craig Lee, et al.

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